

Democrats Make Their Choice

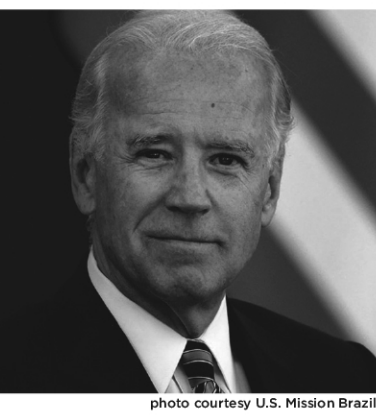


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Mini Fact: Joe Biden was chosen by President Barack Obama to be his running mate in 2008.

It's political convention season! In the upcoming weeks, Republicans and Democrats will officially select candidates for president and vice president.

However, this year's **conventions**, or meetings, will be different from traditional events because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Let's find out more about what Democrats have planned.

Democrats meet

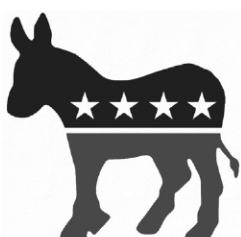
The Democratic Party is a **political party**, or a group of people who have similar ideas about how our country should be run.

Party members hold a national meeting before a presidential election. At that meeting, representatives from each state, called **delegates**, announce which **candidate** they have chosen to run for president.

The candidate also may announce his or her choice for a **running mate**, who would be vice president if they are elected.

At the convention, members of the party also discuss the party's **platform**, or its ideas and goals about different issues facing the country.

This year's Democratic convention is scheduled for Aug. 17-20 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



The donkey is the symbol of the Democratic Party.

What's new?

Because of worries about large numbers of people gathering in close quarters, the Democratic Party has decided to organize a "Convention Across America."

This means that while some events will still take place in Milwaukee, they will be smaller. Also, delegates will participate in convention activities remotely.

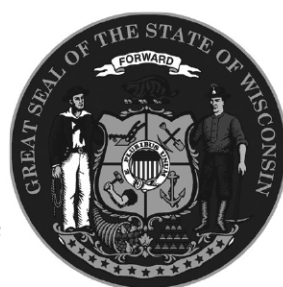
It is expected that former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. will be the Democratic Party's nominee for president.

About Milwaukee

Milwaukee is in southeastern Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Michigan. Three rivers — the Milwaukee, the Menomonee and the Kinnickinnic — all come together at a harbor on the lake.

About 2 million people live in Milwaukee and the surrounding area. Several large companies have their headquarters in the city, and large beer breweries have made it famous for their sudsy drinks.

Milwaukee is a cool place to be, with temperatures averaging about 72 degrees in the summer and 22 degrees in the winter.



Wisconsin's slogan is America's Dairyland because of all the cheese and butter produced there.

Next Week: Republicans get ready to vote

Democratic delegates

How many does your state have?

Alabama	52
Alaska	15
American Samoa	6
Arizona	67
Arkansas	31
California	415
Colorado	67
Connecticut	60
Delaware	21
District of Columbia	20
Florida	219
Georgia	105
Guam	7
Hawaii	24
Idaho	20
Illinois	155
Indiana	82
Iowa	41
Kansas	39
Kentucky	54
Louisiana	54
Maine	24
Maryland	96
Massachusetts	91
Michigan	125
Minnesota	75
Mississippi	36
Missouri	68
Montana	19
Nebraska	29
Nevada	36
New Hampshire	24
New Jersey	126
New Mexico	34
New York	274
North Carolina	110
North Dakota	14
Northern Mariana Islands	6
Ohio	136
Oklahoma	37
Oregon	61
Pennsylvania	186
Puerto Rico	51
Rhode Island	26
South Carolina	54
South Dakota	16
Tennessee	64
Texas	228
Utah	29
Vermont	16
Virginia	99
Virgin Islands	7
Washington	89
West Virginia	28
Wisconsin	84
Wyoming	14
Democrats Abroad	13
TOTAL	3,979

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Democratic convention are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



BEER, BIDEN,
CANDIDATE,
CONVENTION, DAIRY,
DELEGATE, DEMOCRATIC,
DONKEY, LAKE, MEETING,
MILWAUKEE, PARTY,
PLATFORM, POLITICAL,
RIVERS, STATES, SYMBOL,
WISCONSIN.

N C O N V E N T I O N B M D C
U M R O F T A L P Y E K N O D
X S P R M E E T I N G Y K F M
N R E G Y R I A D S E T A T S
D E L E G A T E L O B M Y S P
B V D E W I S C O N S I N I A
E I N I L A C I T I L O P M R
K R N I B E E K U A W L I M T
A C A N D I D A T E I C P N Y
L Q A M C I T A R C O M E D J

Cook's Corner

Soy Glazed Burgers

You'll need:

- 1/4 cup less-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 pounds ground beef
- hamburger buns



What to do:

1. Stir together soy sauce, honey and spices.
2. Combine 1/3 cup of soy sauce mixture with ground beef. Reserve remaining mixture.
3. Form into 6 or 8 hamburger patties, depending on desired size.
4. Grill on medium-high heat until meat is no longer pink. Brush patties with remaining soy sauce mixture on both sides as you grill.
5. Serve on hamburger buns with desired condiments.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. noontime meal (5) _____
2. military horn (5) _____
3. bug that eats wood (7) _____
4. one person (10) _____
5. sweet treat (5) _____
6. mountain that spews lava (7) _____
7. international competition (8) _____

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GLE	LUN	ANO	IND
CA	IVID	CH	ICS

Answers: lunch, bumble, individual, candy, volcano, Olympics.



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Mini Jokes



David: What U.S. state gives out tiny drinks to voters?
Dana: Mini-soda!

Eco Note



Almost every part of the planet, down to the local level, is now experiencing longer and more frequent heat waves than during the 1950s, new research reveals. A team of global scientists writes in the journal Nature Communications that the amount of excess heat is increasing globally on average by 1 to 4.5 degrees Celsius each decade. In some places, the trend is increasing by up to 10 degrees per decade. The central United States is the only inhabited region where this trend has not been observed.

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For later:

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